

## COMMERCIAL.

## Monetary.

There is a slight improvement noticeable in our money market, the supply having increased, while the demand continues light. The Banks are discounting more liberally, and there is very little paper offered on the street. Stocks are quiet, but firm, and we have no change to note in the quotations given last week. Exchange on New York is quiet at 2 to 1 premium. We notice that there has been an improvement in the New York money market, rates having advanced 1/2 cent. The last Government loan was readily taken at a premium of two and a half per cent. and upwards, and on Wednesday there was deposited on this account in the New York City Banks over one million of dollars. While the receipts from customs at New York during the last week show an increase, yet the average receipts of the year will be far less than for the year previous, and show the necessity of a revision of the present tariff system.

The attempt being made to force the Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to increase the tolls upon coal transported over that work, has caused a just feeling of indignation upon the part of our citizens, and those interested in the Cumberland Coal trade. Application will be made to the Governor of Virginia to interpose, in behalf of the Canal, and to prevent such an unjust and liberal move.

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## PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA.

FROM CATTLE, SHEEP, AND PIGS, (YESTERDAY).  
Pork, Super., 55 00 @ 55 00  
Do Extra, 6 25 @ 6 50  
Do Family, 7 00 @ 8 00  
Wheat, White, 1 45 @ 1 50  
Do Red, 1 40 @ 1 45  
Corn, White, 0 77 @ 0 78  
Do Mixed, 0 75 @ 0 77  
Do Yellow, 0 00 @ 0 00  
CORN MEAL, 7 00 @ 8 00  
OATS, 0 75 @ 0 82  
COY. SEED, 2 00 @ 2 10  
CLOVER SEED, 2 00 @ 2 10  
TIMOTHY SEED, 2 00 @ 2 10  
FLAXSEED, 1 30 @ 1 40  
SHEEP, 1 25 @ 1 30  
PORK, Lard, retail, 4 25 @ 4 50  
Do Ground, 7 00 @ 8 00  
Do Fat, 58 00 @ 60 00  
SALT, Fine, 1 75 @ 2 00  
Do Ground, 0 18 @ 0 22  
Do Fat, 0 12 @ 0 14  
PORK, Hog Round, 0 09 @ 0 10  
Bacon, 6 00 @ 6 50  
LARD, in Kegs, 0 10 @ 0 11  
WHITE BEANS, 25 00 @ 26 00  
RED BEANS, 1 00 @ 1 25  
RYE, 100 lbs., 0 60 @ 0 65

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## BY YESTERDAY EVENING'S MAIL.

## Letter from Middleburg.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.  
MIDDLEBURG, January 28.—QUARTERLY MEETING.—The fourth quarterly meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced here on last Saturday, and still continues. Several impressive sermons have been delivered.—One by the Rev. Mr. Eggleston, P. E., from the text "choose ye this day whom you will serve" was forcible, clear, and convincing.—Many were concerned upon the subject of religion, though only one conversion has taken place since the commencement of the meeting. The attendance was small last night, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

ACCIDENT.—Jacob, a servant, belonging to B. P. Noland, esp., engaged in threshing at Harker (Mr. N's mountain farm) got a portion of the sleeve of his wrapper entangled in the teeth of the machine, his arm was drawn in and so much mutilated that amputation was found necessary. The operation was performed by Dr. Cochran, aided by Drs. Powell and Luck. The accident took place on last Friday.

ROCKINGHAM ITEMS.—The Valley Democrat says:—A child, supposed to be about two weeks old, was found by some men on last Saturday, in the creek between Broadway and Strickler's hill, in this county. No clue has as yet been discovered of the perpetrator of this fiendish act. The child had laid in the water about two weeks.

The Rockingham Register says.—Miss Mattie G. Christian, youngest daughter of Geo. H. Christian, esp., of this county, was injured by a fall from her horse on Monday last.—She had her left leg broken above the knee, and was otherwise bruised.

The Culpeper Observer says.—We learn that Henry Shackelford, esp., has disposed of one of his farms near Brandy Station, containing about five hundred acres, to Mr. George M. Wood, at \$20 per acre. No improvements.

The land in Greene County, Va., of David W. Davis, was sold at \$25 per acre, on terms equivalent to cash. The farm contained 978 acres, and belonged to the estate of David W. Davis deceased.

It is said that Mr. James Carter, who resides near Hanover Court-house, on the Pamunkey river, lost sixty-five head of sheep a few days ago, by the sudden rise in the river.

Mr. David Clements, was drowned on Friday week, in Ivy Creek, Albemarle County, while attempting to ford the stream in a wagon.

## The Sultan and his Creditors.

A Constantinople letter of the 18th December, in the *Novelliste*, of Marseilles, says:—"A demonstration took place a few days ago, on the part of the persons who supply the palace and whose accounts still remain unpaid. The Sultan was on his way from Toplane, where he had breakfasted, to the palace of Dolma Baktche, when he was met by an assemblage of nearly 300 of his creditors, who crowded around the imperial cortege calling for justice. The first movement of the Sultan, at finding himself surrounded by these poor people who were uttering loud cries, was to lay hold of the hand of his son, but soon, seeing the peaceful character of the demonstration, he ordered that three of the creditors should be delegated to call on Haki Bey, who should that very evening receive the necessary orders on the subject of the claims. The following day three of the principal creditors waited on Haki Bey, who sent them to Rizza Pacha, the president of the commission formed for the settlement of the accounts of the civil list, but which has only held one or two sittings, for his sake. Rizza assured them that all their accounts should be paid, but that at present funds were wanting. Meantime, many of these unfortunate men, who are obliged to suspend payment, and several of them have been completely ruined. A similar demonstration was made two days after by the workmen of the imperial buildings."

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## CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Gwin gave notice that he would call up the Pacific railroad bill, to-day, for the purpose of moving its reconsideration.

Mr. Mason introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a branch of the Alexandria, Loudoun, and Hampshire Railroad to Georgetown.

Mr. Brown presented sundry petitions from citizens of Washington, in relation to a passenger railroad on Pennsylvania avenue, which he said had already been anticipated by a bill pending on the subject.

Mr. Hunter, of Va., presented a memorial from citizens of Loudoun County, Va., praying for the passage of an act granting pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1812—referred.

Mr. Chandler, presented the petition of Kingsley S. Bingham, elected United States Senator from Michigan, for six years from the fourth of March next, to succeed Mr. Stuart.

The private calendar was then taken up.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Phelps, of Mo., introduced a resolution, inquiring of the Secretary of the Treasury the actual and probable receipts from customs and the sale of public lands during the current and next fiscal years, and whether the same will be probably adequate to pay the expenses of the Government; adopted.

Mr. Houston asked instructions as to the course to be pursued by the Judiciary Committee in the matter of the pending charges against Judge Irwin, who had resigned; committee discharged from further consideration.

Mr. Stephens introduced bills for the organization of territorial governments for Dacotah and Jefferson. (The latter is the Territory proposed to be called Coloma embracing Pike's peak country west of Kansas.) Mr. Grover gave notice of his intention to move to continue over Jefferson Territory, during its territorial existence, the law of Mexico, prohibiting the introduction of slavery.

The bills were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill, which had been defeated yesterday, was again brought before the House by a motion to reconsider, and passed—yeas 101, nays 98.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of the Old Dominion, W. M. McVeigh, esp., was yesterday, unanimously re-elected President.

Peter E. Hoffman, esp., was yesterday, elected Cashier of the Bank of the Old Dominion, in the place of James McKenzie, esp., whose resignation was noticed in yesterday's Gazette. Mr. Hoffman is a gentleman, well qualified for the position, having for a number of years, been connected with the Farmers' and the Exchange Banks in this city.

The steamer Diamond State has been taken off the route between this city and Baltimore for a few days, for the purpose of undergoing necessary repairs. She is expected to resume her regular trips in a short time. The steamer George Page is again on the route between this city and Washington. She made her regular trips between the two cities yesterday. Her hull and machinery have been carefully inspected and repaired, and she is now in excellent trim in all respects. The Thomas Coker will take her place again on the route between Washington and this city in a few days.

DISCOUNT CLERK.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exchange Bank yesterday, James McKenzie was elected Discount Clerk in the place of P. E. Hoffman, resigned.

FUNERAL.—The Students of St. John's Academy, and the Teachers and Children of the Methodist Protestant Sunday School, attended, on Thursday afternoon, the funeral of their late school-fellow, Edgar W. DeVaughan. The funeral services took place at the Methodist Protestant Church, where an appropriate and exceedingly impressive address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Roberts.

Complaint has been made by the proprietors of the lands adjacent to the Military Asylum, near Washington, of the depredations made upon their property by the soldiers residing in the Asylum. The subject was up before the Grand Jury of Washington County, and representations made to the Secretary of War relative to it.

A Bal Masque will be given on Monday evening, February 14th, at the Washington Assembly Rooms, in Washington, by some of the French residents. They understand getting up and carrying out these entertainments.

At the urgent request of many citizens of Washington and Georgetown, the elegant address delivered in Georgetown, by the Rev. Dr. Balch, on "Reminiscences of Georgetown" is to be published. Mr. Polkinton, of Washington, has the work in hand.

SHAD FLIES were seen in abundance yesterday, showing the remarkable mildness of the season.

THE COAL-FIELD ROAD.—The Winchester Republican thus speaks, in contemplation of the completion of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad to Leesburg, next fall:—"It is anticipated that the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad will be completed to Leesburg by next Fall. Then, for Berryville, Winchester, Romney, and the coal-fields, with the ultimate connection with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which will offer a direct line of central travel from the great valley of the Mississippi, and will place us immediately along a thoroughfare of comfort and convenience for all our business and pleasure."

THE AMERICAN ALMANAC and Repository of Useful Knowledge, for the year 1859, in paper, \$1; in half calf \$1 25.

BRATHWAITE'S RETROSPECT OF Practical Medicine and Surgery, for January, 1859, uniform American edition, \$1. This work is a good guide to the student of the country, on the subject of the subscription price, \$2 per annum, or \$1 per copy.

A. L. O. E.'S NEW BOOK.—Precepts in Prose, or Stories Illustrating the Pro